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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2002, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. The one-month period for response is set to expire on December 7, 2002. This response is therefore, timely filed.

Remarks

In the Official Action dated November 7, 2002, restriction has been required between the species associated with FIGS. 1-3 (Species I), FIG. 4 (Species II), and FIG. 5 (Species III).

The applicant hereby elects the species of FIGS. 1-3 (Species I). Claims 1-18, 21-32, 34-36, and 40-41 are believed to read on the elected species of FIGS. 1-3. As noted in the Office Action, claims 1, 24, 28, 34 and 40 are generic. Applicant acknowledges that upon allowance of any generic claims, all claims dependent thereon will also be considered, regardless of whether such dependent claims read upon the elected species.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the above, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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